

Music Groups Perform

by Ellen Kushner

Now that fruitcake season has come and gone, the hard-hit consumer is likely to lift an empty wallet to the sky and exclaim, "What's it all for?" The answer to that is, of course, the improvement of Shaker's Music Department. At the start of the year, the band could be seen marching across the football field in brave new uniforms, paid for in part by past cake sales.

Recently, the orchestra and choirs have joined in contributing to Shaker's musical entertainment. At the Holiday Assembly, December 12, Band Orchestra and A Capella Choir performed under the co-direction of Choirmaster Reynold Ellis and Instrumental Conductor Fred Mosier.

That afternoon, the choir performed at Plymouth Church. The band, orchestra, and the two choirs are planning several off-campus appearances at Shaker elementary schools. In addition, the band has taken 15 of its loudest instruments to form a Pep Band. They play at home hockey and basketball games, hoping to raise team spirit.

The traditional Choir Alumni

Concert was held Thursday night, December 21. Mr. Ellis subtitled the program "From Brahms to Brubeck". The bulk of the material was modern, with the Concert Choir informally accompanied by guitar, and the entire A Capella Choir singing the recent hit "Day By Day" in the aisles of the auditorium while Mike Englander accompanied on the drums. The major classical work performed was Brahms' "Song of Fate". The program included two solos. Marilyn Jackson sang "Agnus Dei" by George Bizet, and Phillip Crowder played Debussy's piano composition, "Arabesque I". The program ended with both choirs and all choir alumnae on stage singing the traditional "Hallelujah" from Handel's MESSIAH.

The Choir will begin preparing for the spring musical and the Lake Erie League Concert. The Band is hoping to organize a Stage Band to play jazz, and the Orchestra is working on Beethoven's "First Symphony" and Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" for the coming Band and Orchestra Concert in February.

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Vacations Are Fun In Shaker

by Leslie Caplan

Many a Shaker student will find himself, despite his wishes, remaining at home during the coming winter vacation. Staying home need not, however, be as repugnant as one may think. The greater Cleveland area in general and Shaker Heights in particular offer a wide variety of activities to those who make a little bit of effort to find them.

The Shaker Heights Recreation Board offers many supervised activities to Shaker

residents December 26-29, and January 2-4. It offers special programs to elementary, junior high, high school, and college students. There will be supervised open gyms at various schools and open swims at Woodbury. The Board also offers open tennis sessions and evening swims. Schedules for these activities are available from the Recreation Board, and one is posted outside the Activity Office.

For those students who prefer to watch other people exerting themselves, there will be many Shaker sports events during the vacation. December 27 and January 5, there will be two away swim meets. There will also be two wrestling matches at Shaker, one December 22 against Garfield, and the other January 5 against Euclid. Shaker's basketball teams will play four games, two at home and two away.

The greater Cleveland area also offers a great deal of cultural entertainment. During this winter vacation, there will be several good plays and movies in town. The Cleveland Play House, as usual, gives several productions at once. Beginning December 15, the Play House will present "Butterflies Are Free." "Sherlock Holmes" will begin December 22. The Hanna Theater will present a comedy, "Let Me Hear You Smile," from December 26 through Decem-

ber 31. For those who like to finish off their vacations with a bang, the Hanna's run of "Godspell" will begin January 8.

In addition to the usual films that will be shown during the winter vacation, there will be two special films in our own area. "Young Winston," the story of Winston Churchill's early life will run at the Fox Theater while "Man of la Mancha" plays at the Colony Theater.

Most of us know about the Cleveland Art Museum and have visited it at one time or another, but there are other museums in Cleveland that are little known. How many of us have ever visited the new Salvador Dali Museum in Beachwood or the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse? Few people have ever heard of the Durham Tavern Museum which is a preserved nineteenth century stagecoach stop and tavern. How many of us have ever seen an electric eel demonstration at the Aquarium? Cleveland offers these places of interest and many others to anyone who cares to take advantage of them.

The greater Cleveland area has a great deal to offer which few people ever see. Winter vacation, with all that free time, is a wonderful time to get to know the common as well as the bizarre aspects of the city and region in which we live.

Curriculum To Be Reviewed

by Barb Gross

The Curriculum Committee is alive and well at Shaker. Because the curriculum of the school is an important issue, this committee is fairly independent of Student Council. The committee divided into five sub-groups to carry out the work of the committee. Free time, new courses and course evaluation, communication, teacher evaluation, and finals are the areas of concern.

While studying the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum at Shaker, the committee found that the students were not aware of the optional programs available at Shaker. A communications

committee was formed to advertise such programs as Flexible Studies, Catalyst, the Resource Bank, Independent Study and Distributive Education. The Communication Committee plans to hold lunchtime sessions on the educational alternatives available within the school.

The New Course and Course Evaluation Committee plans to work with the various department chairmen in forming new, elective courses. The curriculum survey taken last year indicated that History of Philosophy, Middle Eastern History, Photography, and Psychology were popular. Next year those courses may be offered. The members of this committee also would like to work with teachers to evaluate the textbooks and study materials used in their respective departments.

The Finals Committee submitted a proposal to Faculty Council which was recently rejected. The proposal stated that any Junior or Senior with an "A" in a major course would not have to take a final exam in that course. The proposal was defeated because it would be unfair to the average student who was doing his best and possibly working harder than the "A" student. The Finals Committee will also be working on ideas for a take-home final or a major paper instead of an exam.

The Free Time Committee is discussing optional interest classes. Last year Student Council formed a Community School. Students, teachers and community members could take night classes in special areas of interest. If there is sufficient interest now, a new Community School will begin.

An objective teacher evaluation form is being designed by the Teacher-Evaluation Committee. The teachers will distribute the evaluation form to the students at their discretion. The completed form will be anonymous. The purpose of an evaluation is to help the teacher become more aware of the students' needs, dislikes and their constructive suggestions. A human relations seminar, between the students and faculty may be conducted to aid students in completing the evaluation.

A curriculum questionnaire has been written on the areas of communication, new course and course evaluation, finals, free time and teacher evaluation. Student responses to the questionnaire will aid the Curriculum Committee in improving present programs and forming new ones. If anyone is interested in working on the Curriculum committee, please leave your name and phone number in the activity office.

Club Holds French Noel

by Valentina Sgro

This year the French Club at Shaker is planning a traditional French Christmas celebration. Wednesday, December 20, the Club sang for the patients at Highland View Hospital. Since most of the patients did not know French, the Club sang mostly in English, but they also added the French lyrics to some of the better known Christmas carols. The patients really appreciated the carols which helped to make their holiday season a little brighter.

Friday, December 22, the Club will have a French dinner with traditional Christmas dishes. The Cuisine Group will prepare the food after school so that there will be plenty of time to carol after dinner. The Club has caroled in Shaker in past years and found that the residents enjoy the effort.

One member asserts, "This year the French Club's Christmas activities will be especially in keeping with the season because we will be eating traditional French Christmas Eve fare. I hope we'll be able to celebrate other holidays in a similar way."



French Club brushes up on their carols in preparation for their trip to Highland View Hospital.

Volunteers Join Welfare Committee

by Eileen Burgin

Do you wish to help people in the community less fortunate than yourself? Are you willing to sacrifice your free time for others? If your answer to both of these questions is yes, then the Welfare Committee is for you.

The Welfare Committee is headed by Karen Gustafson. The members of the group suggest the type of volunteer work that they want to do, and then Karen places them in the appropriate spot.

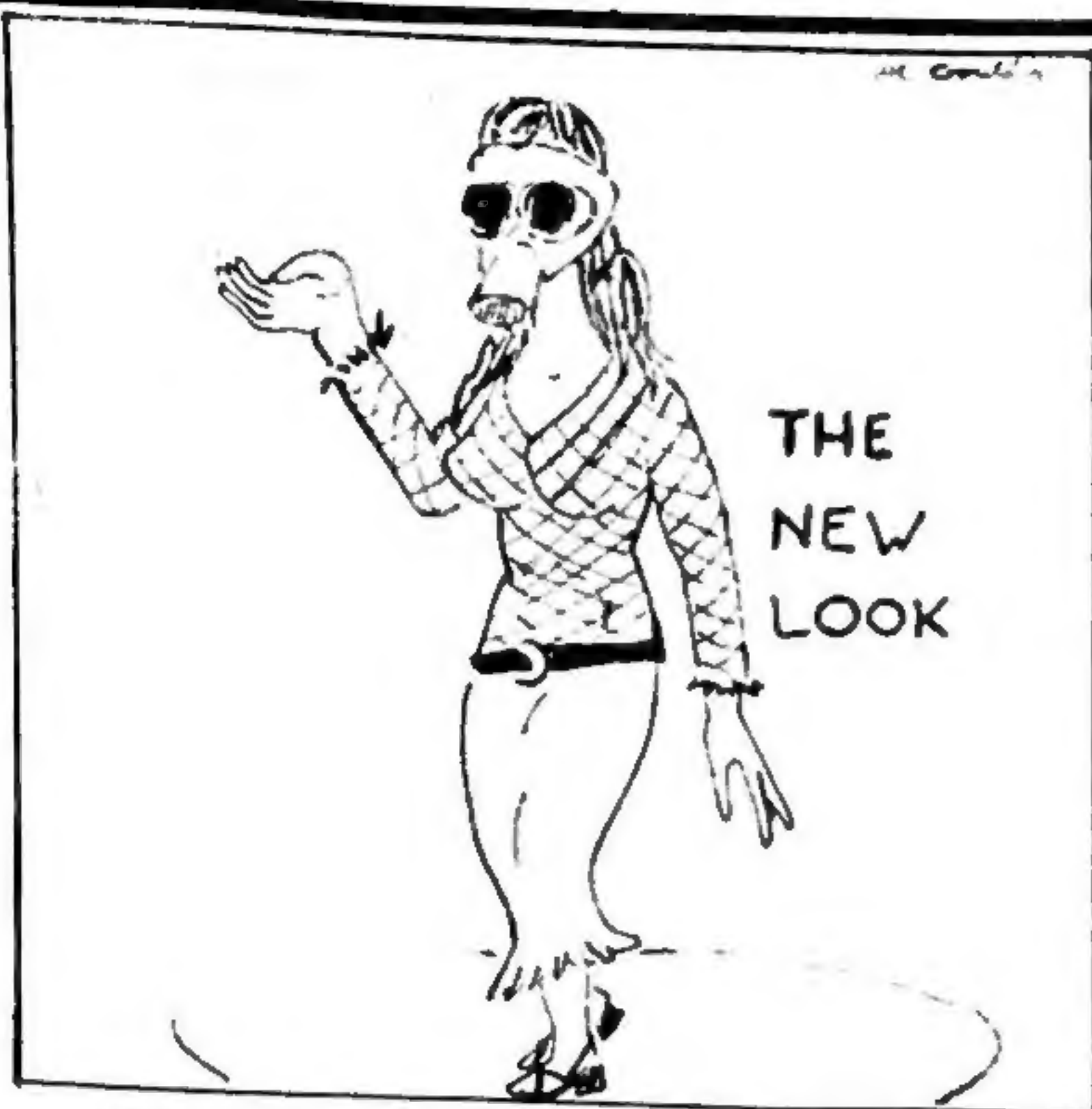
First, interest seemed to lie in hospital work; therefore, the committee went on a field trip to the Highland View Hospital. After viewing the type of volunteer work that they would be doing there, the group decided against working at that location.

Others in the group chose to tutor children, and with that in mind, they visited the East End Neighborhood House. The group showed an overwhelming enthusiasm to offer

their services to that center; consequently, a group of about twelve Shaker students began helping out there the week of December 4. Each Shakerite participating goes there twice a week and is responsible for three children. The children being tutored range from the second to seventh grades and are helped in a variety of subjects such as math, spelling, and grammar. So far, this project looks like a success. Karen Gustafson is going to hold a meeting of the volunteers to learn about their individual experiences and responses.

The Welfare Committee is thinking of having a money-raising project later in the year. The profit from this would go to an agency selected by the members of the group. No definite plans for this have been made yet.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or wish to volunteer, contact Karen Gustafson.



Shaker Students Work To Save Environment

by Howard Stone

The ecology movement began several years ago when people suddenly felt a great concern for the environment. Various collection drives and clean-up programs were launched with the idea that everyone would eagerly participate in saving the earth from neglect. It soon became apparent, however, that people were losing interest in ecology and were too lazy or indifferent to get involved. With this in mind, Shaker students decided to approach the ecology dilemma from two unique angles, one being the Ecology Club and the other being a course called "Environment and Society."

The Ecology Club, under the supervision of faculty adviser Mrs. Eleanor Rose, is composed of a small group of enthusiastic, serious Shakerites. Although the club has gotten off to a slow start, it has already surpassed last year's club in every respect. The goal of the Ecology Club is mainly to make people aware of the many recycling collections being conducted throughout the community and to advise people on what materials can be recycled. The club realizes that just collecting recyclable materials is not the answer, for people have to then purchase the recycled product in order to gain anything from the drive.

Environment and Society is a recently conceived course which is as extraordinary as anything that has ever been taught at Shaker. This unconventional course is a complete study of ecology. Each student enrolled does an in-

depth study of one aspect of our environment until he becomes knowledgeable in that field. It is best to be well informed before any action is taken. This research continues until the second semester, at which time students will become involved in rectifying the situation in their particular field of interest.

Both the Ecology Club and the Ecology and Society course are evidence that there are a few students at Shaker who are genuinely concerned. These are young people who want to be informed. These are people who want to get out into the community and do something instead of just saying, "Somebody should do something..." This handful of students is setting an example for all of us to follow. They are making personal sacrifices and spending their free moments working diligently for this urgent cause. They are working to inform the community by informing themselves first.

All students should be concerned about our environment because if we are not affected now, we will be in the near future. But being concerned is not the way to accomplish anything. Find out the facts and either write to a congressman or join a club whose goal is to save our environment. Stay alert for announcements regarding when and where collections for cans, bottles, and paper will be held.

There is only one earth, and we all must work to save it before it is too late, despite the fact that it is often a question of personal sacrifice.

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reference to the article concerning school spirit and participation in the last issue of THE SHAKERITE. There is a sad misconception at Shaker that having school spirit means going on the booster bus, consistent attendance at football games, or membership in the Raiderettes. Although all these activities exemplify school spirit, they represent only a limited view of the ways in which a student at Shaker can show his or her school spirit. In a recent student questionnaire, the majority of the questions dealt with what the most recent football scores were, what the next winter sport would be, and other related activities. I believe that many students at Shaker give spirit to the school in other ways, ways that are all too often passed off as simple functions for spiritless individuals. Participation and energy are given to countless groups at Shaker that are non-athletic. I personally feel school spirit through my activeness in these groups, and resent being told I have no school spirit because I don't date cheerleaders, attend basketball games, or sell twelve boxes of candy.

I think participation in these types of activities is small for two reasons: first, many Shaker students, myself included, have little time for additional school functions. This may be because of previous commitment to other school organizations, or outside school commitments. Secondly, I think that the social participation trend has moved away from the school, maybe for the best, maybe not. The reasons for this might be the increase in out of school activities, or maybe the bad connotations school activities often present are taking a greater toll than ever before.

While I verbally support all Shaker activities, I can only physically support a limited number. Nevertheless, I have a great amount of school spirit, but choose to invest it in a different way than many of my fellow students, as well as teachers, would like to see me do.

Charles Barber

Dear Editor:

Slightly less than two years ago, Shaker students adopted a new constitution which was supposed to "streamline" council and make it more responsive to the student body. Since that time, council has not only failed to deal with existing problems but has presided over the arrival of new ones. It is high time that this constitution and the council which it created be evaluated.

According to the student constitution, one of the purposes of council is "to provide a forum for student opinion."

Student Council's answer to this is a series of "open meetings", begun recently, as an attempt to distract the student body from former promises. These meetings take place during periods 10-11, thus excluding those who eat during periods 8-9. They involve discussions between students and council members which create the facade of a concerned council. Unfortunately, action, not discussion, solves problems.

Action, however, seems to be beyond the capabilities of the present council membership.

Council candidates promised last spring that "the Cafeteria will be kept clean by employing people to pick up trays and general clean-up." Yet today, it is still obvious to anyone who walks into the Cafeteria that there is more trash scattered about on the floors and tables than is in the wastebaskets.

Council candidates promised last spring to reduce the importance of finals. This would mean that more emphasis would be given to a student's performance during the 90-day semester and less emphasis would be given to his performance on a half-day exam. Yet today, less than one month before finals, council has taken no significant action on this issue. This means that your half-day exam still accounts for 25% of your final grade.

Furthermore, council has refused to follow the constitutional requirements regarding meetings. The constitution requires council "to meet for one period every school day, or as otherwise required." Yet how many students know when and where council meetings are held? Or even whether they are held? The constitution requires council members to hold open meetings at least once a month with members of their respective classes. Yet open meetings weren't even initiated until late November, and then were open only to students who eat periods 10-11, and then they were run as council decided, not as the constitution prescribes.

Council's answer to these charges will probably be that they've tried to remedy the problems at Shaker — that we students just don't know what they've done for us and how good they are for us. But the whole point is that we don't know — and we should. If council has been successful, why haven't we seen any results of their work or heard anything about it? And if they haven't been successful, why do they try to cover up the problem with flimsy smokecreens instead of openly and frankly owning up to their shortcomings? Council members didn't campaign on promises to try to solve our problems. They promised us specific solutions which sounded great last spring but which seem to have been forgotten this year.

by Jerry Tinianow

The following Letter to the Editor, written by the President of the Student Council Holly Federico, is a response to the charges of incompetency made against members of Council by Mike Zsembik in a document that has been circulating throughout the school.

Dear Editor:

I feel I must respond to the allegations made by Michael Zsembik directed at Student Council members. Bob Delvalle, Bob Greenwald, Shelley Feiner, Charlie Fox and myself. He claims that there were several promises made by us that remain unfulfilled. Michael doesn't really know what is happening in Council. Although our

meetings are open with a posted schedule, he has not attended one meeting. He has never approached me or any other members of Student Council for answers to his questions and accusations.

If Michael had made any effort at all he would have found that the Open Forum concept that we had hoped to put into effect is administratively impossible. To have every student attend Council meetings is not realistic or practical. The Council brought together a new group to extend their reach in the school. The 4/5 representatives have had meetings with Council members and an extended 4/5 period took place on Wednesday when the representatives reported back to the students and the students had an opportunity to react to problems in the school. Michael would have found that there ARE students employed in the cafeteria to pick up trays and do general clean-up work. Michael states that Council promised to equip the Social Room with a music system and make the Horizontal Egress into a student gathering place. But he doesn't seem to realize that these reforms take money to come about. Student Council is working on a rummage-craft sale to raise the needed money for school improvements. It is true that Michael proposed to reduce finals from 25% to 20% of a student's final grade. But he did not attend the Faculty Council meeting to view the outcome of his proposal. Other academic reforms were included with Michael's proposal, but each proposal was voted on SEPARATELY by the Faculty Council. It was NOT a package deal. Teachers felt that 25% was an adequate percentage of a student's final grade and proposal was defeated.

Other allegations made by Zsembik have no basis whatsoever. The open meetings do not take place exclusively periods 10-11. The periods will alternate as do all Student Council's meetings. Student Council could not meet every day because of scheduling problems. There was no way to schedule all the representatives into one period. Open CLASS meetings were a total failure. Instituted last year, there was NO response from students although there was adequate publicity.

Student Council has opened the lines of communication with teachers through the Student-Faculty Liaison. We have met with student groups as well as administrators to discuss student grievances. The Welfare and Tutoring Committees are working in the school and in the community. The Curriculum Committee is working on a proposal for flex biology and a student questionnaire to discover new areas of student interest. If Michael had done any investigating he would have found the answers to his questions. I can't see the motive behind these superficial accusations. Why doesn't Michael work with the Student Council and contribute his energies and ideas instead of spending those energies looking for personal publicity and trying to become a star?

Holly Federico
Student Council President

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A Bevy of Beatle Books

It may take us the rest of our lives to fully comprehend the legend that was the Beatles. In nearly fifteen years they left behind enough music and mysteries to boggle the mind of any fan. A number of books have been written to help us discover the truth about the men myth made gods. The most informative and influential of these are reviewed below. Though some contain a greater element of truth and completeness, all are recommended and necessary for a complete understanding of The Beatle story.

'The Beatles' The Authorized Biography, by Hunter Davies, in paperback, Dell, 95c, 1968. This is the book that John Lennon, in The Rolling Stone interviews, calls "bullshit." As strictly biography, it is accurate, and a more complete history of the early Beatles is not to be found. Davies devotes two-thirds of his book to tracing the early lives of The Beatles, their families, and growth together as teenagers. The reader follows the group from its origin in the Quarrymen and the Silver Beatles to the Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. The book breaks down, however, at the point where The Beatles came into the public eye. Though Davies lives six months with the Beatles, his coverage of their life at that time is brief and unclear. Davies seems unwilling to shatter the myth because it was still being formed when he observed and wrote about it. Either he could not see it, which is doubtful, or he could not tell it, but the result is of fan magazine caliber. He fails to capture the personality and character of manager Brian Epstein, nor does he accurately portray The Beatles' experiences with drugs and The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, with their families, or among themselves. Davies acts as a reporter, explaining the what, rather than the why of the Beatles' unprecedented success. As a historian, Davies is remarkably successful. As a reporter, though, he leaves much to be desired. By all means read the whole book, just remember that the "authorized" biography isn't real and by no means tells the whole story.

Lennon Remembers: The Rolling Stone Interviews by the editors of Rolling Stone is in paperback, Popular Library, \$1.25, 1972. Rolling Stone magazine interviewed John and Yoko Lennon in 1971, and this book contains the text of those interviews. Though Lennon occasionally contradicts himself, this book gives a new and believable insight into the man that some call the backbone of the Beatles, and into the years The Beatles were made and destroyed. An important function of this book is that it dispels much of the bias and rumor surrounding Yoko and her involvement with John and The Beatles. The reader sees her in a new light and can appreciate her as the artist and woman she is. Think what you will about the Lennons' philosophies, for they never stay the same anyway. But for firsthand information

on The Beatle years, don't miss this book.

Apple to the Core: The Unmaking of The Beatles is by Peter McCabe and Robert D. Schoenfeld. Pocket Books, \$1.25 1972. This book truly captures the mood of the Beatle years for the reason that the above two failed. It was written after the miracle was over (to avoid mythologizing something that was not yet complete), by outsiders (to achieve a fresh, unafraid, non-partisan viewpoint). McCabe and Schoenfeld explain the personal and business factors that destroyed a legend. They expose the hate, the mistrust, and the lies that millions worshipped but few saw or understood. They explain the legal and economic factors too, often in language only a lawyer or an economist can understand. Nevertheless, the mood of the book is the mood of the post-touring Beatles: turbulent, confusing, heart-breaking, and fatal.

The Beatles, mortally wounded by the death of Brian Epstein, were human beings and acted as human beings: no more, no less. Like the American Indian, The Beatles cannot happen again. We can only look back with admiration and sorrow. Mixing respect with shock and pity, this book tells it like it was: not the way we once believed it to be.

There are a few other books which give limited, but interesting, information on The Beatles. The Beatles Illustrated Lyrics, Volumes I and II are edited by Alan Aldridge. Volume I, Dell \$2.95, and Volume II (not yet available in paperback) Delacorte, \$5.95. These books offer interpretations by many artists of The Beatles' song lyrics, and contain short quotations by The Beatles relating to their lives and music. Interesting bookstore reading, but not worth the money unless you really dig The Act.



Bob Nolan demonstrates his techniques.

Auto Artist Arouses Students' Interests

by Shelly Kleinman

Racing draggers and other automobile experts can no longer merely consider the horsepower, design, and body of their vehicles. Art has recently become a criteria for success at the drag strip. The exterior motif of a racing car has developed into an intricate styling effort.

Bob Nolan earns his salary painting cars. As a part of a city wide program developed by the Cleveland Board of Education, in collaboration with American Motors, he recently visited Shaker to explain his experience in this field. In the four lectures given, Bob displayed his equipment and demonstrated his techniques. He also parked a newly decorated car outside.

Bob has no formal art education. He began his career three years ago, in his home garage. Then he worked on one car at a time. Now, his shop handles up to thirty cars. Some of his more accomplished work includes cars of K.S. Pittman, Eddy Sharon, and Ron Potter's "Golden Nugget." Fifty of Bob's designs will be entered at the Cleveland Autorama, a collection of 500 custom and racing

cars, February 1 and 2.

Students were particularly interested in Bob's artistic procedure, demonstrated on a canvas. Using a spray gun, he provided a background or base. By manipulating simple stencils, torn or cut from typing paper and even the comics, he created the design, called a mural. His knowledge of depth, perception, and color combinations became evident.

Painting an ordinary street car is an impracticality. The cost may total over \$15,000, which is considerably more than the price of most automobiles. The painter must labor with elaborate preparations, including several coats of lacquer, before beginning the paint job. The base coat costs about \$5000. Each mural entails an extra \$50.00.

Bob Nolan considers automobile painting an interesting as well as profitable profession. Students, especially art majors, should inquire into it. They are invited to watch a car being painted any time at Nolan Brothers, and are reminded of the Cleveland Autorama in early February.



Front row, left to right: Vicki Vance, Jackie Goldstein, Anita Hollander, Laura Bruck, Ellen Kahn, Susan Saunders, Margaret Womer, Dale Walther, Lesley Strasshofer, Pat Meyer. Second row, Seth Berner, Jeff Halpern, Stu Leff, Rob Eisenbrown, Josh Gottlieb, Mike Baron, Steve Namkoong, and John Ingram.

Chanticleers Carol Around Cleveland

by Mindy Kasen

Roughly 20 years ago, a small, but dedicated group of singers began to practice before school in the morning. Though the faces in this band of clear-voiced Shakerites have changed, and they no longer practice so early, the Chanticleers are still singing away.

Chanter, in French, means 'to sing', and Chanticleer is the rooster of "The Canterbury Tales." This small division of the A Capella chose the name because they too were the first singers of the day. Presently, they meet during lunch for one period, but the old name remains.

The group's basic function is to go out into the community to sing. Tuesday, for example, they performed at the Cleveland Kiwanis Club. Earlier this month, on the 6th, they sang at Shaker Country Club. Another of their interesting projects is recording on tape current tunes for reformatory school boys to use in sing-songs. The project requires four sessions, on alternating Saturdays. The third session meets tomorrow at Cuyahoga Hills Boys' School Reformatory. Unlike the

majority of their performances, the Chanticleers are doing the tapes for free.

This year Michael Baron, a base, is the chairman of the 18-member, non-conducted group that includes one accompanist. The Chanticleers sing many popular songs, but they vary their program by adding a solo or duet each time. This month they also sang Christmas carols.

In concert, the group wears coordinated uniforms. Each girl made her dress and the boys all bought the same shirts and pants. Blue is the predominant color.

It is surprising how well such a small group are able to blend their voices, and yet the listener can always hear the four-part harmony.

The Chanticleers are a fine organization, and they are very proud of their sound. As Dale Walther, an alto, said, "I'm modest about everything—except choir and Chants."

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Detective McCloud, played by Steve Fitch, interrogates prisoners in "The Detective Story".

Huron Road Offers Informative Topics

by Steve Wortheim

This year Shaker science students have a great opportunity to see first-hand reports about many scientific fields which they may wish to explore. This opportunity comes through field trips to Huron Road Hospital. There are a series of eight trips, of which four have already taken place. These have covered the areas of drug addiction vs. alcohol addiction, homosexuality, marijuana, obesity, senility, vasectomy and its psychological effects, V.D., cardio-vascular surgery, and noise pollution. At the lecture on cardio-vascular surgery the techniques of open-heart surgery were discussed. It was very informative, as one of the top heart surgeons in the area, Dr. E.A. Husni, was the speaker.

The hospital trips are sponsored by Huron Road Hospital. P.T.A. mothers provide the transportation to and from the hospital. Students leave at 1:00 p.m. and return about 3:20 p.m. Upcoming trips include discussions of health careers (Jan. 31), birth defects, natural childbirth, abortion, and family planning (Feb. 28), plastic, cosmetic, and reconstructive surgery (March 28), hormonal disorders, diabetes, and sickle-cell anemia (April 25).

If you are interested in taking part in one of these field trips, contact your science teacher. It is a worthwhile experience, and provides an introduction to many fields which students may desire to become acquainted with.

Seniors Take Home Ec Test

by Jody Jacobovits

Shaker Heights High School, along with 15,000 other schools in the United States and the District of Columbia, recently participated in an exciting and profitable contest. A test taken by all seniors enrolled in the Home Economics course was for scholarships from General Mills Corporation. Called the "Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow", it provides scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5000 to the winners.

This year, 45 Shaker High students participated. The test, given annually on the first Tuesday in December, consists of multiple-choice questions and takes 35 minutes timed. The student securing the highest score in each participating school becomes the School Homemaker of Tomorrow and is eligible for the state-wide competition.

Winners from each state become State Homemaker of Tomorrow and are awarded \$1500 plus eligibility to enter the national contest. First runner-up in each state receives a \$500 scholarship.

The student who becomes the national winner is the "American Homemaker of Tomorrow" and receives an additional \$3500 bringing his scholarship award to \$5000. In addition, this year a \$1000 Nutrition Scholarship has been added to the contest bringing the educational grants allotted to a total of \$111,000. All scholarships are for undergraduate studies at accredited colleges and universities.

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"Detective Story." What kind of play would you expect to have a title like that? The possibilities could range from a parody on a Dick Tracy comic strip to a suspense-filled Agatha Christie mystery. Or it could also be an intriguing study of how an individual's personal conflicts affect the people with whom he lives and works.

"Detective Story," the fall play, written by Sidney Kingsley and produced by Shaker's drama department, is one such story of mental intrigue. Detective McLeod works ardently to gather enough evidence to convict an underground abortionist whom he has arrested. Through his encounters with many diverse characters, it becomes evident that McLeod's motivations to bring criminals to justice are not purely professional. On the contrary, they stem from a self-righteous nature and a desire to obtain revenge for all the misdeeds done to him in the past. The story ends tragically after he has alienated his wife and is later fatally wounded by a criminal's gun.

Stephen Fitch's performance as McLeod was forcefully effective but it seemed that he felt most comfortable during the scenes which emphasized his toughness of character. His action performances were powerful and his death (as McLeod) was very realistic.

Charlie Barber was perfectly cast in the role of the sly, self-centered abortionist, and Susan Saunders enacted the role of his attorney, Doris Sims, with all the dignity and stateliness that characterizes a woman lawyer. Mark Fleischer expertly portrayed McLeod's superior, Lt. Monaghan, as the experienced law enforcement officer who knew all the angles and took everything in stride.

Janet Pennybacker acted as an uninhibited and candid newspaper reporter with such ease that it seemed she was a natural for the part.

Ellen Kushner gave perhaps the most dramatic performance of the play as McLeod's wife. As a sensitive woman torn between admitting the mistakes of her past and trying to keep her husband's love, Miss Kushner's acting was very tender and very moving.

The setting of "Detective Story" was a modern police station which was certainly conducive to introducing many kinds of entertaining characters into the play. Edie Brashares' version of an unsophisticated shoplifter was enjoyable and Nancy Neustadt's portrayal of a fanatical old lady was truly

exquisite. The unsuccessful burglars, Seth Berner and John Engram, contributed a significant amount of humor to a play with such a serious plot. The characters of a war veteran (Lee Burke) and his girlfriend (Cathy Hall) showed the audience exactly what kind of sympathy and compromise are needed to help an individual readjust to a difficult situation. All in all, the performances of the entire cast were interesting and well-acted.

What many people do not appreciate when watching a play are the results of all the effort and hard work that the stage crews have contributed. Both the construction of the sets and props and the sound effects were impressively realistic. All of the stage crews and the performers contributed significantly to try to make "Detective Story" a 100% success.

But if "Detective Story" was

not a complete success, perhaps it was largely due to the selection of the play. Although the plot was intriguing, perhaps its deep seriousness affected the public's reaction to the play. It may be that for a change Shaker students would appreciate a more substantial element of humor and comedy.

In spite of this, it was still hard to accept the fact that certain inconsiderate people went to the play seemingly just to be hecklers. During both performances on December 1 and 2, a certain few took it upon themselves to insult the actors and the rest of the audience by being extremely rude and making disturbances. This was most regrettable.

The members of the drama department worked hard to make "Detective Story" a play to remember. They accomplished that and should receive congratulations from all those who saw it.

CALLING ALL BOYS!

by Jordan Solito

With the holiday season upon us and Christmas vacation just around the corner, most of the eligible guys here at Shaker have one thought on their minds: dating! Two weeks of free evenings, plenty of time for that special chick whom you hope someday to make your "steady"! A moving picture at the cinema, cruising in Dad's Rambler, and burgers and shakes to top off a swell time. Sound boss? It oughta, big fella. But first, you've got to get yourself a chick, and I'm just the guy who can give you a few pointers.

I've developed a mathematical formula to achieve this goal: car + sharp clothes = date! It's that simple, and it works like a charm for "yours truly", so there is no reason why it will not work for you.

Chicks prefer Ramblers or Mavericks with sponge dice hanging from the rear view, and of course, wicker seat covers. Comets and Valiants also rate high, but if all the old man has is a Vette, it will have to do. A car is a car, and you musn't forget, you can not date in the "footmobile". For those of you who can not get a car, you had better like evening T.V. 'cause there is not a place in the big world of dating for a guy who ain't on four wheels. For those of you who CAN get a car, you are

ready to concentrate on clothes. Let us face it, big guy, those of us red-blooded American gents who date dress for our chicks, and here is what THEY are going for this year: Bermuda shorts and clam-diggers are the only pants that will be accepted so ignore those sub-zero temperatures; if it will get you a steady, it is worth it! Sequined covered He-Man undershirts with a wrist watch worn around the left-arm bicep will catch glances everywhere you go. For you spindly guys (who are lucky enough to even GET a date), this outfit is not for you. The wrist watch may slide off your arm, and the shirt exposes too much of too little!

To compliment the slack 'n top combinations I have offered, is a wide choice of footwear: pool-side thongs with green kneesocks, or black high tennis shoes with no socks at all. Think of it! You pull up in front of Thelma Lou's house in your jacked-up 'El Maverick' - "Good evening Mr. and Mrs. Lou! Is Thelma ready?" Her folks are obviously impressed with your glittering tee-shirt. You flex your muscles as you check your watch. Their eyes dart down to your neatly pressed clam-diggers, and then the kneesocks and thongs catch their eyes! Just then, Thelma appears and you are off - for an evening of fun!

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Jeff Sherman performs one of his many dives in Shaker's swimming victory over Heights.

Cagers Open Season By Beating Brush

If the opening basketball game against Brush is a harbinger of the rest of the season, the Shaker cagers will find the going tough. Brush is currently in last place (0-3), but Shaker escaped with only a one point victory, 49-48. Although Shaker led most of the way, the lead never became insurmountable and Brush did lead in parts of the fourth quarter. Charles Sanders was the key to the game with his scoring, but Neil Slavin was instrumental to the victory, doing a fine job replacing Bernie Crew, when Crew fouled out. Although the Raiders suffered two setbacks in the two ensuing games, the battles were fairly close and the Raiders have improved their ball since last year. With the addition of Charles Sanders and Bernie Crew to the varsity, the offensive attack has become more potent.

Sanders is a 6-2 guard who is new to Shaker this year from Benedictine. In the first three games, Charles has scored a total of 26, 34, and 13 points respectively — an average of 24 points a game. Sanders has manifested a great touch from the outside, as well as an ability to drive to the basket. The deficiency of outside shooters on the team has proved Sanders to be a laudable addition. Sanders' greatest asset is his height. He usually has an edge on the defense because of it, and he has been able to hit long shots from the outside when well guarded.

Bernie Crew had foul trouble in the first two games, fouling out of each contest. However, this is sometimes a good indication of an aggressive player. At 6-5, Crew has provided the much needed height in the middle. Crew has the ability to jump high and block shots, thus intimidating the opposition.

Against Lakewood in the second game, Sanders dazzled the crowd with his outside shooting. Sanders tallied 22 in the first half and Shaker had the lead. In the third quarter, Shaker was tenacious and still led at the outset of the fourth quarter. The Raiders' fortunes turned in the fourth quarter. Sanders was no longer finding

baskets in copious supply, and when Bernie Crew fouled out with the game still close, defeat seemed imminent. Shaker finally succumbed to the relentless Lakewood team and lost 64-60.

Despite Crew's fine in-

dividual performance in the Valley Forge game, Shaker suffered its second straight loss. Crew held Forge's 6 foot-9 inch center Blake Avenmarg, to ten points, while scoring 23 points himself. The final score was 62-52.

by Marty Young



Charles Sanders puts up one of his long bombs in the 62-52 loss to Lakewood.

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Tankers Dunk Heights In First L.E.L. Meet

by Peter Young

If the first three swim meets are any indication of what the competition will be like this year, the Shaker swim team is going to have a long, difficult season ahead.

On December 1, the tankers visited Hawken and exited winless despite their efforts, losing a match much closer than the 56-39 score would indicate. Diver Tim Conway's splendid effort stood out among the otherwise mediocre showing. Tim won the diving competition.

On December 2, the swimmers hosted St. Edward and stroked away with a good showing and a 66-29 win. Some of the brilliant performances recorded were Eric Minshall's 1:58.5, 200-yrd freestyle, John Cooper's 4:16.5, 400-yrd freestyle and Clayton Cook's 32.5 sec. 60-yrd freestyle race. Once again, diver Tim Conway won his competition. So unexpected were his victories that the team elected Tim swimmer of the week of November 27.

December 7, Shaker hosted Cleveland Heights and came

back to victory 50-45 by winning the last race and overcoming a 3-point deficit. Many stellar performances were needed to win this one, and the swimmers were equal to the task. Dickie Brown opened the medley relay with the backstroke to give Shaker a large early lead. He also swam a 1:07 100-yard breaststroke to win that race. That time is the best in the district this year. Eric Minshall dashed off another 1:58.5 200-yard freestyle to win one race as did sophomore Phil Rice with a 32-second 60-yard freestyle sprint. Tom Bombelles with a 4:18.8 400-yard freestyle and Stephan Gravenstein, who won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:02.5. The combination of Bombelles, Cooper, Minshall, and Jim Douglass won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:40.7.

December 8, the tankers traveled to the Upper Arlington Relays and placed fifth out of 12 teams with 44 points. They placed 3rd in the crescendo race and butterfly relay with fourth and fifth place finishes in other races.

Mentor Defeats Spikers; Snaps 2 Year Win Streak

by Amy Freed

The varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams are off to a fine start again this year. The girls, working toward Shaker's third tournament win, have played three matches so far this year. A match consists of the best of three games. The first match was against Hudson. The J.V. started well, taking the first game, but fell to the opposition in the last two games of the match. The varsity team came through winning their first two games of the season, and therefore the match.

The second match was against Cardinal, a school near Burton. Both the J.V. and varsity teams were able to take their matches in the first two games at this contest December 6, 1972.

December 11, Shaker played their third match of the season against Mentor. The J.V.'s lost their first game, but got back on their feet to win the last two games and the match. Although the varsity won the second game 15-0, Mentor took the match winning the first and third games.

Many girls are involved in intramural volleyball, giving every girl a chance to play

whether or not they play on the varsity level. This year there are seven senior teams, six junior, and eight sophomore teams. A few teams were having attendance difficulties in the beginning of the season, but they seem to be off to a good start.

Open volleyball is held Monday and Friday each week provided the varsity teams do not have a practice or game scheduled. These sessions usually last from 3:30 to 5:15. Coming up again this spring is co-ed volleyball. These teams are open to anyone interested; the teams in addition to being co-ed are interclass.

Reminder—The remainder of the varsity and junior varsity games, excluding the tournament at Euclid, are home matches. The games are all FREE. Check the schedule outside the girls' gym for game dates times and the teams playing. Everyone is welcome and fans are appreciated.

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Icers Lose 2nd to Heights Drop to Third in Standings

The Shaker Icers are continuing to have a good season, despite losing their first league game. Recently the Icers have had four victories, falling only to Heights in the year's hardest-fought game.

Over Thanksgiving vacation the Raiders crushed Olmsted Falls, a new member of the league. Before 300 spectators at Northfield, Keith Schultz scored the first goal when he poked the puck in behind the goalie, 13 seconds into the game. Seconds later, after a scuffle in front of the goal, Dave Straffon shot the puck out to Max Nelson who shot it straight into the net. Fourteen more goals were scored, for a 16-0 victory, in an easy game where there was little action around the Shaker goal. Bill Artino, Keith Schultz and Dave MacAllister all had hat tricks. Delbert Thomas, and Dan Straffon both scored twice. Dave Straffon, Bruce Kaufman and Max Nelson all scored once.

The next day at Thornton, Shaker ran over Benedictine, 15-0. It wasn't until the third period that the game picked up. Before that Bill Artino, Dave Straffon and Keith Schultz all racked up two points and Max Nelson, Pete Jackson, Stu Mapes and Dave Drollinger were credited with one each. Doug McGill scored the first goal in the third period. He was followed by Gar Corkran. In the middle of the period Max Nelson scored again by shooting into the left

side of the net, while the visiting goalie was lying on the ground, after trying to make a save. Pete Jackson scored once more before Max Nelson shot the last point of the game while the goal was unguarded.

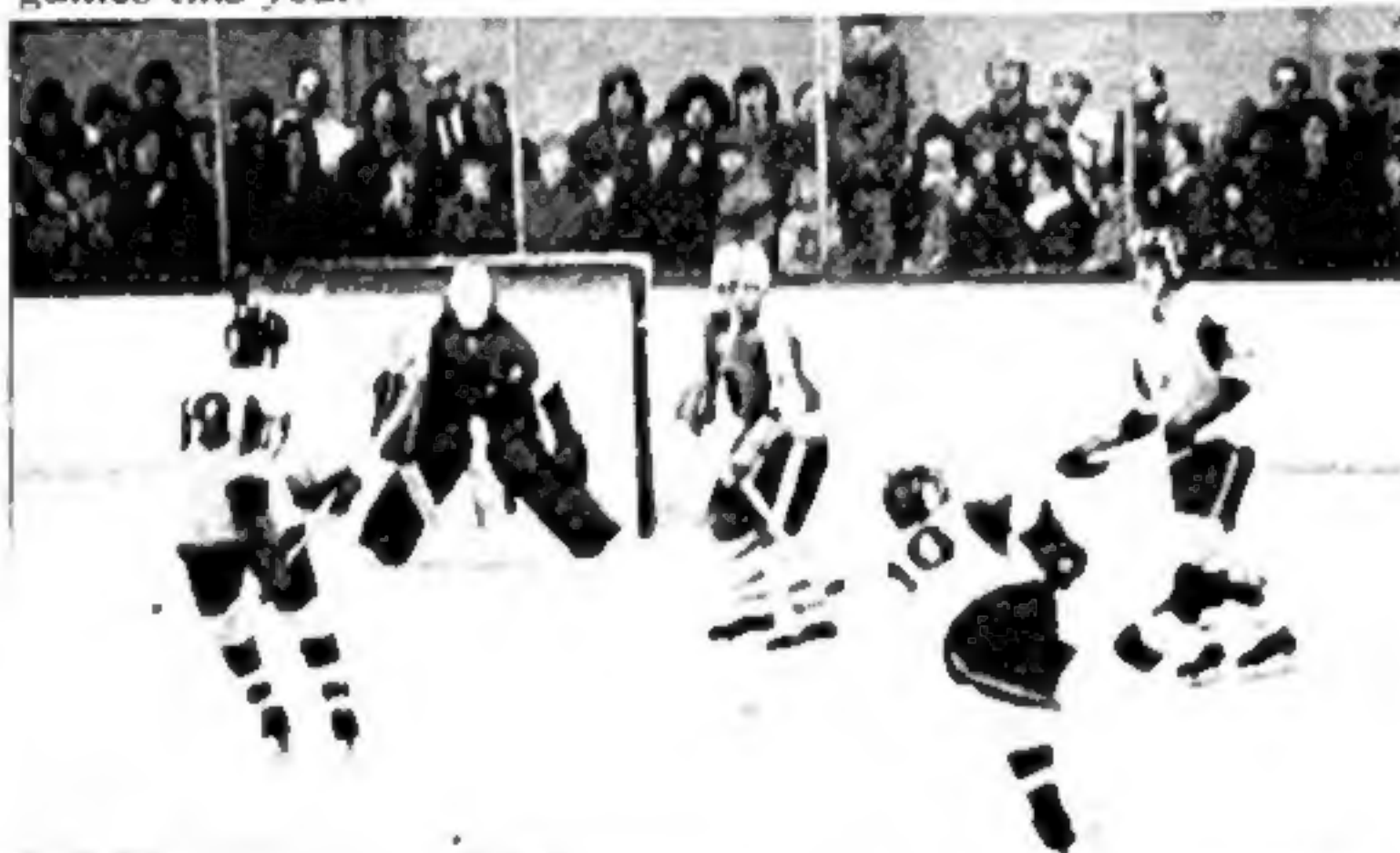
The next Saturday, Shaker toppled Euclid 10-2. Pete Jackson scored the first goal at 2:53 as he skated towards the Euclid goal flanked by defensemen. A few minutes later Dave Straffon, from the right of the net, shot the puck across the ice to Max Nelson, who shot it in from right in front of the goal. The next goal for Shaker was scored by Stu Mapes while the Icers were one player short because of a penalty. Near the end of the period Keith Schultz scored, after getting the puck from Dave Straffon. Despite two goals scored by Euclid the game was never close. In the final two periods Max Nelson led the scorers with three goals. Bill Artino, Keith Schultz, Pete Jackson and Bill Kiser all tallied one point.

On December 8, at Northfield, Shaker knocked out Bay Village by another wide margin, 15-0.

The top game of the season came the next day against Cleveland Heights. Shaker lost in the last few minutes of the hardest fought game of the year, before a record crowd of 770. Shaker took an early lead with a goal by Dave Straffon. Midway through the period Bob deWolf of Heights tied up the game. Keith Schultz added

another point to the score with six seconds left in the first period when he shot the puck past the Heights goalie, straight into the upper part of the net. Steve Namkoong and Chuck Kulinski shared Shaker's goal tending. Kulinski was playing his first game of the year after missing the early part of the season. The game was well played and fights broke out on the ice three times during the final two periods. Height's second goal, near the end of the game, was contested since Shaker may have stopped the puck before it was knocked in by a Heights player's hand.

During the vacation period Thornton will hold another Invitational Tournament on December 27, 28 and 29. Shaker will play Rocky River, away, on January 3, which should be one of the hardest games this year.



Bruce Kaufman takes a hard slap shot at the Heights goalie while Pete Jackson and Bill Kiser move toward the goal.



Steve Namkoong makes a save while Bill Artino, Doug McGill, and Stu Mapes hold back Heights icers.

Grapplers Drop Opening Meets

by Michael London

The Shaker Heights wrestling team opened its season on December 5 against Solon. The Raiders were soundly defeated by a count of 51-9. Shaker's only points came as

Doug Conforti won a decision in the 155 pound class and was awarded three points. Marc Cook, at 167 pounds, provided the remaining points as his opponent was unable to continue the match because of a shoulder separation.

The following Friday, the wrestlers journeyed to Twinsburg. Bruce Forester, 119 pounds, Warren Agee, 126 pounds, and Mike Jenkins, 143 pounds, all won their first decisions of the campaign. Conforti again came through by winning a decision in his bout. Wrestling in the heavyweight division, Keith Brooks pinned his foe in less than two minutes. Unfortunately, these were Shaker's only points as the Raiders were outmatched and fell by a score of 36-19.

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